

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

December 8, 2015 – 5:30 PM – City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Dave Coady Gary Carlson, Vickie Krueger, Robert McCarthy, Matthew Wolff, Jeffrey Kirk

Absent: Alderman Karen Elyea,

Staff: Andrew Pieri

Other: Interested Parties

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Dave Coady

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:

6 members present and 1 are absent – Quorum.

Public Hearing:

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 10, 2015 meeting - Comments

Minutes for the November 10, 2015 were presented for review. Member Carlson informed staff that his comment regarding “how was it possible to send the Booker Washington Application to City Council without a public hearing” was not reflected in the minutes. Mr. Carlson asked staff to make a change to the minutes indicating his question during that meeting.

Minutes from the November 17, 2015 meeting – No comments

A **MOTION** was made by Robert McCarthy to **APPROVE** the November 10, 2015 as presented and the November 17, 2015 minutes as amended. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Gary Carlson and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

COA Application – 413 2nd Street

Francisco Villegas made a presentation to the Commission requesting to replace the aluminum siding on his house with vinyl siding. Staff informed the Commission that the applicant has already received compensation from his insurance company to replace the siding as a result of an insurance claim. Mr. Villegas stated that the house has hail damage and some pieces of the siding has blown off. Member Carlson stated that he drove by the house and noticed that homes on either side of the applicants house have wood siding and noted that vinyl siding was not period specific from when the house was built. Mr. Villegas stated that he bought the house about 10 years ago and that the house was not a fancy

house and therefore wanted to use vinyl instead. Member McCarthy agreed with Member Carlson and offered that it would be better to repair the siding if he could not afford to restore the wood siding on the house that is under the aluminum siding. Mr. McCarthy noted that there may be avenues in the area to obtain aluminum siding that would match what is existing on the house.

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to **DENY** the COA as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Jeffrey Kirk and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

COA Application – 115 7th Street

Mr. David Duemer of Rockford Sign Service made a presentation to the Commission requested the removal of an exterior sign located @ 115th Street and installing interior illuminated signs inside the windows of that location. Commission members had no objection to the scope of work.

A **MOTION** was made by Matthew Wolff to **APPROVE** the COA as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vickie Krueger and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

Communication and staff report:

N/A

Adjournment:

With no other business Vickie Krueger made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Robert McCarthy and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Submitted by Andrew Pieri – Historic Preservation Commission Secretary